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## LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

## Supt. Stone's Salary Not Cut Down.

The house did nobly Monday by refusing to lower the salary of the superintendent \$500 a year. The bill to reduce the salary to \$1,500 was a special order for Monday afternoon. Mr. Baldwin of Barton regarded the proposition as wrong. The superintendent of education is one of the most important officials of the state, and while there is a demand for economy among people and members, cutting down expenses should not begin with the head of educational affairs. Since the old board of education was abolished and educational affairs put in the hands of one man there has been a marked improvement in educational affairs in Vermont, especially since the present incumbent has filled the place. If we cut down the salary the superintendent will have to give up his position, and we shall have to take a less competent man. Mr. Barker of Peacham opposed the bill. He did not believe in crippling our educational institutions and interests. Mr. Bliss of Calais and Mr. Pierce of Chester both opposed the bill, and it was killed by a vote of 64 yeas and 110 nays.

## Election by Plurality.

One of the most important bills of the session, the bill amending the ballot law so that a plurality shall elect members of the house, proposed by Mr. Clark of Glover, was the special order for Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Clark was the first speaker on the measure. The principle of plurality election is in accord with the constitution, and is approved by the leading writers on constitutional law. All county officers and all city officers with one exception are chosen by a plurality. Several New England states have changed their constitutions to meet the demand for such methods of election. A plurality election comes nearer the will of the people than does a majority. He believed that a better class of men would be elected if the proposed changes were made, as the best men may have enemies to prevent them from securing a majority vote, when they could not as well prevent a plurality. The change would reduce the expense of printing extra ballots for town representatives by thousands of dollars. There would also be a saving of the time which is now lost by the voters whenever several ballots are required to elect. By requiring several ballots to secure a majority vote, the aged and infirm are practically disfranchised.

Mr. Barker of Peacham believed better representation would be secured by requiring a majority vote, and that better men are secured when there is a long contest. The changes in other states have been made necessary by consolidating the towns and making the districts smaller, which is not the case in Vermont. Allowing a plurality to elect will enable rings and secret societies to control elections, and he would oppose the bill for that reason if for no other. The matter of expense was regarded as unworthy of consideration. Although it is urged that under the present system some towns may be unrepresented, he thought the legislature could get along and perform its work if all seats were not filled.

Mr. Bates of St. Johnsbury regarded the bill as wrong in principle and likely to be pernicious if carried into practice. The basic principle of this government is majority rule, and the whole tendency is toward requiring a majority vote. The president must have a majority of the electoral votes, senators a majority of the legislature, and congressmen a majority of their districts. All state officers chosen in joint assembly must receive a majority vote. For 105 years Vermont has elected her representatives by a majority vote, and there does not appear any great reason for undertaking an experiment. He believed that the effect of the bill would be to benefit the minority party, to strengthen the power of rings and secret societies, and would tend to multiply candidates. The delayed elections are not usually contests between representatives of opposing parties, but usually between factions of the same party, and he believed that plurality elections would cause the house of representatives to be made up, not of representatives of majorities but by representatives of factions. There has never been a lack of representation in the house

by the failure of towns to elect, nor has the work of the legislature been hampered by such failure.

Mr. Clark spoke briefly in reply, and the bill was killed by a decisive vote.

## Witness Fees.

The house had more trouble Thursday morning over the bill making the compensation of witnesses in attendance on court \$2 a day. Mr. Haskins of Brattleboro, who had previously spoken against the bill, made a vigorous protest. He quoted figures from the auditor's report to show that the present cost of witnesses for fees was about \$35,000, and said that this would be practically doubled if the bill should be passed. He was very patriotic, in acting for the people of the entire state, not for any one class or section, and he wanted to save the state a great expense, and he hoped some stenographic reporter was taking down his words so that they might be given to the world. He wanted every member to go on record, and he called for the yeas and nays. There was a lengthy discussion, many members believing it no more than fair that the state should give a witness whom it calls sufficient compensation to pay the expenses he incurs by his attendance at court. But the house could not be persuaded, and the bill was killed by a vote of 121 to 89.

## St. Johnsbury's Village Charter.

The committee on corporations gave a hearing Thursday evening to St. Johnsbury citizens interested in the two bills concerning the amendments to our village charter. House bill 294 specifies that the village shall have three trustees who shall be elected annually. House bill 295 embodies all the amendments to the village charter proposed by the special committee appointed by the Board of Trade. In this bill is an article specifying that there shall be four trustees, whose term of office shall be two years, and two of whom shall be elected each year.

P. F. Hazen and W. P. Stafford appeared for the latter bill and those who favored annual elections and appeared before the committee were Elmore T. Ide, Alex. Dunnett, Dr. T. R. Stiles, A. L. Bailey. Mr. Bates also appeared before the committee and took part in the discussion.

Mr. Hazen opened the hearing with a complete history of the origin of the proposed amendments, how the bill for a general charter failed to pass the legislature of 1894 and why our village needed amendments. He firmly believed in the three-year term and told the committee that after the village had elected the trustees in a perfectly legal way, it looked to him like boys' play to make a cat's paw of the legislature and ask them to legislate the trustees out of office.

Mr. Dunnett pointed out some defects in the proposed amendments and spoke in favor of the bill providing for annual elections.

Mr. Stafford gave his reasons for believing in three years' terms and hoped the committee would let the citizens of St. Johnsbury decide on the length of time their trustees should serve.

A. L. Bailey was afraid that the village meeting would be "packed" and that the small taxpayers would vote down the heavy taxpayers. He believed the latter class wanted annual elections.

Mr. Ide told the committee that there were weak points in the proposed amendments and that if these amendments became a law we might find that we had some things that we did not want.

The hearing lasted through the evening and the committee's reports on the two bills will be awaited with interest.

A message from the governor was laid before the house. He recommends that the governor be released from serving on certain state boards; that the governor, the lieutenant governor and a third person to be chosen shall constitute a board to supervise the work of other boards; that the compensation of the governor for such service shall be his necessary expenses, for the lieutenant governor and the third member \$4 a day and necessary expenses; that as the governor now has power to appoint the superintendent of certain state institutions he be given power to appoint all such superintendents. The message was referred to the judiciary committee with authority to report by bill or otherwise.

The legislature will adjourn on Nov. 25 and the lawmakers will eat their turkey at their own homes. Business will be lively therefore for the next few days.

## Press Comments.

The Montpelier Argus has a deserving tribute to Prof. Barker, the representative from Peacham. The Argus says, "Mr. Barker of Peacham might well be designated the balance wheel of the house. He is regular and punctual in his attendance, he has no desire to advocate any freak measures, he has frequently criticised the action of the house in hastily passing measures only to recall them for further consideration, and in general has endeavored, as far as any one man can do so, to keep in the view of the house the duties the members were sent there to perform, and to expedite the business of the session as much as is consistent with careful action."

The last issue of Harris' Weekly stated that one of the important events of the past week was that Mr. Clark of Glover had had his hair cut. When Clark was informed of it he innocently inquired if the paper was printed at Harris' gore.—[Montpelier Argus.]

## Montpelier Notes.

The republicans who went to Canton last month have formed a Vermont McKinley club and are now making arrangements to attend McKinley's inauguration in a body. Senator Proctor is president of the club and Col. C. S. Forbes is secretary. At a meeting of the club recently a committee of arrangements was chosen for the inauguration excursion. Col. John C. Clark of St. Johnsbury represents this section on the executive committee.

At the meeting of health officers last week Monday an association was formed to be known as the Vermont Sanitary association. Its affairs are to be managed by an executive council of one doctor from each county. Dr. W. M. Stearns of Rutland is president and Dr. W. J. Aldrich of St. Johnsbury represents Caledonia county, and Dr. R. T. Johnson of West Concord Essex county.

## Something To Know.

It may be worth something to know that the very best medicine for restoring the tired out nervous system to a healthy vigor is Electric Bitters. This medicine is purely vegetable, acts by giving tone to the nerve centers in the stomach, gently stimulates the Liver and Kidneys, and aids these organs in throwing off impurities in the blood. Electric Bitters improves the appetite, aids digestion, and is pronounced by those who have tried it as the very best blood purifier and nerve tonic. Try it. Sold for 50c. or \$1.00 per bottle at Flint Bros' Drug Store.

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## State News.

Much inconvenience is experienced in finding a railroad route to New Orleans having bridges high enough for the passage of the largest block of granite ever quarried in Vermont. The block is 15 feet square and three feet thick. It is intended for the noted Moriarty monument in New Orleans. It was quarried in Barre and has been moved to the dressing sheds. A special car is being built by the local roads on which it is intended to set the block on edge, letting the lower side swing through the bottom to within eight inches of the rails. The weight of the block exceeds fifty tons. Investigation shows that most routes have bridges too low for the block to pass through.

Dr. W. Seward Webb has recently imported to Shelburne Farms two varieties of game birds which he hopes to establish in Vermont. They are 36 black cocks and 37 capercaillies. Both lots were originally 40 in number but seven died in transit. The black cock is a species of European grouse. When full grown the male bird weighs about four pounds. The capercaillie is also a species of grouse of large size and good flavor which is found in Northern Europe. The male birds of this species often weigh 14 pounds or more and they resemble the American wild turkey. These birds are not to be shot for five years.

## The Electoral Vote.

The New York Times sums up the result of the electoral vote according to the latest returns, as follows:

McKINLEY.	
Electoral Vote	Plurality.
Maine.....	6
New Hampshire.....	4
Vermont.....	4
Massachusetts.....	15
Rhode Island.....	4
Connecticut.....	6
New York.....	36
New Jersey.....	10
Pennsylvania.....	32
Delaware.....	3
Maryland.....	8
West Virginia.....	6
Kentucky.....	12
Indiana.....	15
Illinois.....	24
Wisconsin.....	12
Minnesota.....	12
Iowa.....	13
Nebraska.....	3
California.....	9
Oregon.....	4
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>272</b>
BRYAN.	
Virginia.....	12
North Carolina.....	11
South Carolina.....	9
Georgia.....	13
Florida.....	10
Tennessee.....	12
Alabama.....	11
Mississippi.....	9
Arkansas.....	8
Louisiana.....	8
Texas.....	15
South Dakota.....	4
Nebraska.....	8
Kansas.....	10
Montana.....	3
Wyoming.....	3
Colorado.....	4
Idaho.....	3
Utah.....	3
Nevada.....	3
Washington.....	4
Kentucky.....	1
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>175</b>
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>1,561,060</b>

The latest figures from Wyoming indicate the possibility of a division of the electors there, but the chances appear to favor a solid Bryan delegation.

## Fraud in Winter Shoes.

Boston, Nov. 17. There was quite an excitement in the shoe district here today, over the discovery that certain unscrupulous shoe manufacturers have been selling imitation "Box Call" shoes.

Messrs. White Bros. & Co., the sole makers of genuine "Box Call" leather shoes, propose to prosecute every offender at once, and notify the public that every pair of genuine "Box Call" shoes has attached to it an aluminum key ring check, which is a positive guarantee that it is made of genuine "Box Call" leather.

## Mrs. Hatherton's Bad Day.

Written by George C. Sutton of New York for the St. Johnsbury CALEDONIAN.

With a regularity which might have been measured by weeks or even by days, the conviction would come to Mrs. Hatherton that life is given for noble purposes, and that although her life was slipping away, she was scarcely living up to its high demands. When this conclusion began to dawn upon her, she always recognized the symptoms of a familiar disease and greeted it with a whimsical smile. Then, as the thought grew upon her that time is fleeting and opportunities few, life took on so serious an aspect that she forgot she had ever before contemplated it with good resolutions for the future, and sat herself down in her easy chair to think it all out. Now, thinking is an art. It is not simply to allow a confused jumble of impressions to wander vaguely through the mind, but it is to sum up facts clearly and dispose of them methodically. It is an art few have mastered. Mrs. Hatherton's thinking was apt to be discursive, and usually it left her at the finish far from the point of beginning.

Still, this morning, as she sat in her quiet parlor, she settled herself to think out her situation. What was it? Where was the point of friction? Here she sat, in as cosy a flat as one need wish for, with the windows of the parlor looking out on a pretty public square, filled with trees and flowers. She had a lovely baby just beginning to talk, and a pretty good husband, as husbands go. Why should she not be happy? She habitually forgot, in the interest of her many duties, that she was not so; but sometimes, when work was done and the maid had taken the baby out for an airing, Mrs. Hatherton felt with overwhelming force that to dust, to clean and beautify the house, to concoct dainty dishes and to talk sweet nonsense even to the baby of babies, would not suffice. These duties, stretching out in endless routine, appalled her.

It was useless to tell herself the story of the pendulum and the clock; that each day had its duties and responsibilities was no consolation, but rather an addition to the unsatisfactory condition of mundane things.

True, she might take up the woman's rights question, but that had little attraction for her. She wasn't suppressed. She had all the rights she cared about, and had no desire to go upon the platform to wrangle for those she wanted not. And then, Mrs. Hatherton was pardonably fond of pretty clothes, and that is one of the frivolities which the strong minded regard with contempt. But clothes could not fill all her life, so what was she to do? It all came back to that.

Of course there was Geof, and the baby; but Geof was rather fond of his evening or two a week out, and even when Geof was at home, and busy with his books, there was ample time on her hands.

So, after all, what was it all worth? To get up each morning, to eat, tidy the house, eat again, go out for a walk, back again, eat, and to bed, to sleep, and tomorrow resume the tiresome round!

She looked at herself in the glass as she prepared to go out. What if the hat was tasty and becoming? Geof forgot that she was pretty, just as he forgot the flowers on the table and the dish prepared especially for him. Something dimmed her eyes and filled her throat as she went down the long stairs and out into the street. But for baby, she would not care how soon it might end.

She shook her head at the gripman on the cable car, and took her way slowly down the avenue. She passed through the little park, and saw the nurse and baby basking in the sunshine.

"I am going down town, Lucy," she said. "Don't go out of the park with the baby."

"Yes, ma, sure," responded the maid, with obedient interest.

"If I were only Mrs. Hatherton," she thought, "so pretty, so stylish, such a good husband, and such a home!"

But Mrs. Hatherton, unconscious of the woman's envious thoughts, passed on. What was the use of being a little above the average woman in taste and intelligence? No one cared. No one ever does. She had never hoped to be a woman of mark, but if there were only something to fill one's life. Carlyle had said that nothing but work could save from despair, but there was no work for her to do.

She was now in the throng on the avenue. In the distance the capitol loomed grandly before her. The stately capitol city was her home, and she was part of its throbbing heart. She belonged to it and it to her, and yet, here she was, empty-handed and lonely, almost despairing. She was proud of the city—there was no place on earth like it—but today it did not soothe her.

She left the avenue and turned down by the treasury building, and thence through the White House lot. The Washington monument towered in front, to the right was the massive building of the war, state and navy departments, and in the distance rolled the Potomac. But what was it all worth, the stately buildings, the monument, the beautiful grounds—so much of man's thought and energy expended on them—and soon they would fall beneath the hand of decay and time, but not until the hands that wrought them had long been forgotten dust. Why, O why should senseless marble and granite outlive the last and noblest work of God! And soon, perhaps very soon, she, too, would be forgotten. Of course they loved her, after their fashion. Geof and the baby, but no one's love was lasting after death. Why, even now Geof never knew when she had changed her dress. The baby was so young that she would soon cease to remember the mother who gave it life. And this was living—and nowadays no one could be certain even of the future.

She had now reached the banks of the fish ponds, almost directly beneath the monument. The old attendant was dredging them, rooting up lilies and tearing them from the bottom. Soon the pond would be dark and cheerless, and wrapped in the silence of winter's frost. The leaves were dropping from the trees, the flowers were dying in the public grounds. And yet the lilies and the flowers had done their life's work, and she—she had done nothing.

"Mary!"  
The tone was so sharp and agitated that she turned quickly.  
"Geof!" she exclaimed, somewhat startled.  
He caught her arm and held it fast. "What are you doing here alone?" he said. "What is the matter?"  
"Nothing," she said, smiling.

"You don't know how you looked. I was so scared. Anything the matter, little woman?"  
"Nothing material, dear; only a spell of the blues."  
"You are not quite well, I think," he said. "I have tickets for the theatre to-night, and I wish you to wear that pretty little green bonnet and your blue dress."

Mary laughed so clearly and merrily that the old man of the pond looked up and smiled.  
"My gray gown and my red bonnet, I suppose you mean, Silly."

"Yes," said Geof, with masculine assumption. "It's the one you look prettiest in, red, green or blue. I have some friends here from Boston, and as I will have no chance to introduce them, because their seats are so far from ours, I wish to have them see you. So don't have the blues any more."

They walked slowly back to the city, and as they reached the treasury building the clerks were pouring out in an apparently endless stream.

"Pretty sight, isn't it?" said Geof.

"Yes. Do you ever wonder, Geof, where each will go, what he will go home to, what life is to them all, and whether they ever ask themselves wondering questions as to how it will end?"

"Well, no. I think of them, after their day's work, as anxious to get home to wife and children."

"You are a very pure-minded man," responded Mary, with a burst of admiration. "Isn't the White House lovely?"  
"Yes; they have given it a new coat of whitewash, and it's decently clean again."

"You unpatriotic man!" exclaimed Mary. "But here are the nurse and baby, and now we will go home to our own fireside."

That night, as Mary poured the tea, she looked at Geof across the table, and said:

"It's very pretty, isn't it?" Quite worth living for."

"What?" said Geof, with a husband's constitutional blindness.

"Oh, the baby, and you, and—the table."

"Yes, I suppose so. A man likes to see them when he comes home; and although he cannot always tell just what it is that makes home a place to look forward to, and although he doesn't always say what he thinks about it, yet the knowledge that it is there, and that it is being kept bright and cheerful for him, lightens the labor of the day and makes the work

of maintaining the home a matter of joy and pride."  
"That," said Mary, "is a right a woman has—to make a home for her husband."

Thus ended Mrs. Hatherton's bad day, and it will probably be some time before she has another.

## Squibs.

South Dakota appears to be almost as close as a dead heat.

One cabinet slate is as good as another until the sponge wipes it out. It's all guesswork.

The Ferris wheel is in the hands of a receiver. Thus does the great whirling bring about its reverses.

By, baby bunting, Bryan's gone a-hunting, to get a little rabbit skin to wrap silver dollars in.

A fine of \$20 for deliberately throwing a lighted cigar in the face of the secretary of the treasury is letting the offender off too cheap. The Kentucky code needs revision.

Oh, hurry up with the returns from Wyoming! The world is waiting anxiously to see if that woman elector has been chosen, and thus broken the record of her sex.

The Vermont McKinley club executive committee held a meeting at Montpelier recently, and made arrangements for an excursion to Washington to attend the inauguration of President McKinley on the 4th of March. Senator Proctor presided, and a committee was appointed to attend to the details. Six Wagner coaches will be chartered, and it is expected that 300 people will go. Senator Proctor has just returned from his trip to the Pacific coast, and is greatly pleased at the result of the election.

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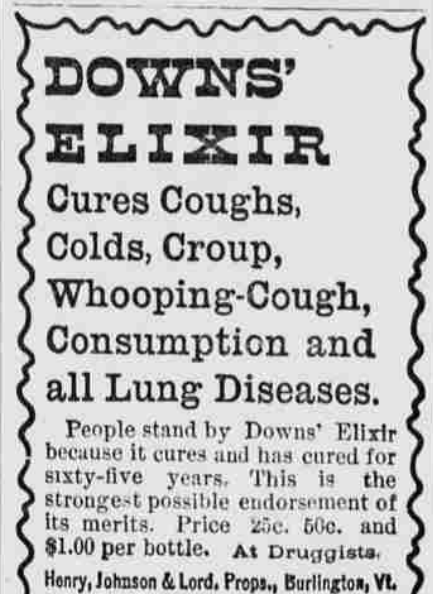
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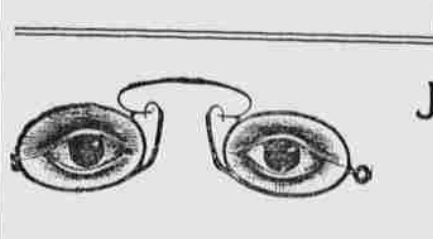
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